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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1842

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1842 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act  
5 is amended by adding Section 10-37 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/10-37 new)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

8 Sec. 10-37. Nurse externship permit.

9 (a) The Department shall establish a 2-year program under  
10 which the Department may issue a nurse externship permit to a  
11 registered nurse who is licensed under the laws of another  
12 state or territory of the United States and who has not taken  
13 the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). A nurse who  
14 is issued a permit shall be allowed to practice as a nurse  
15 extern under the direct, on-site supervision of a registered  
16 professional nurse licensed under this Act. There shall be one  
17 supervising registered professional nurse for every one nurse  
18 extern.

19 (b) An applicant shall be qualified to receive a nurse  
20 externship permit if that applicant:

21 (1) Has submitted a completed written application to  
22 the Department, on forms provided by the Department, and  
23 paid any fees established by the Department.

24 (2) Has graduated from a professional nursing

1       education program approved by the Department.

2       (3) Is licensed as a professional nurse in another  
3       state or territory of the United States and has submitted a  
4       verification of active and unencumbered licensure in all of  
5       the states and territories in which the applicant is  
6       licensed.

7       (4) Has submitted verification of an offer of  
8       employment in Illinois as a nurse extern. The Department  
9       may prescribe the information necessary to determine if  
10      this employment meets the requirements of the permit  
11      program. This information shall include a copy of the  
12      written employment offer.

13      (5) Has submitted a written statement from the  
14      applicant's prospective employer stating that the  
15      prospective employer agrees to pay the full tuition for the  
16      Bilingual Nurse Consortium course or other course approved  
17      by rule.

18      (6) Has submitted proof of taking the Test of English  
19      as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a minimum score as set  
20      by rule. Applicants with the highest TOEFL scores shall be  
21      given first consideration to entrance into an extern  
22      program.

23      (7) Has submitted written verification that the  
24      applicant has been enrolled in the Bilingual Nurse  
25      Consortium course or other course approved by rule. This  
26      verification must state that the applicant shall be able to  
27      complete the course within the year for which the permit is  
28      issued.

29      (8) Has agreed to submit to the Department a mid-year  
30      exam as determined by rule that demonstrates proficiency  
31      towards passing the NCLEX.

32      (9) Has not violated the provisions of Section 10-45 of  
33      this Act. The Department may take into consideration any  
34      felony conviction of the applicant, but such a conviction

1       shall not operate as an absolute bar to licensure.

2           (10) Has met all other requirements established by  
3       rule.

4       (c) A nurse extern shall be issued no more than one permit  
5       in a lifetime. The permit shall expire one calendar year after  
6       it is issued. Before being issued a license under this Act, the  
7       nurse extern must submit proof of the successful completion of  
8       the Bilingual Nurse Consortium course or other course approved  
9       by rule and successful passage of the NCLEX. The nurse extern  
10       shall not practice autonomous, professional nursing until he or  
11       she is licensed under this Act. The nurse extern shall carry  
12       out progressive nursing skills under the direct supervision of  
13       a registered nurse licensed under this Act and shall not be  
14       employed in a supervisory capacity. The nurse extern shall work  
15       only in the sponsoring facility. A nurse extern may work for a  
16       period not to exceed one calendar year from the date of  
17       issuance of the permit or until he or she fails the NCLEX.  
18       While working as a nurse extern, the nurse extern is subject to  
19       the provisions of this Act and all rules adopted by the  
20       Department for the administration of this Act.

21       (d) The Secretary shall convene a task force within 2  
22       months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
23       94th General Assembly to establish clinical guidelines that  
24       allow for the gradual progression of nursing skills in  
25       culturally diverse practice settings. The Nursing Act  
26       Coordinator or his or her designee shall serve as chairperson  
27       of the task force. The task force shall include, but not be  
28       limited to, 2 representatives of the Illinois Nurses  
29       Association, 2 representatives of the Illinois Hispanic Nurses  
30       Association, a nurse engaged in nursing education who possesses  
31       a master's degree or higher, one representative from the  
32       Humboldt Park Vocational Educational Center, 2 registered  
33       nurses from United States territories who each hold a current  
34       State nursing license, one representative from the Chicago

1 Bilingual Nurse Consortium, and one member of the Illinois  
2 Hospital Association. The task force shall complete this work  
3 no longer than 4 months after convening. After the nurse  
4 externship permit program has been in effect for 2 years, the  
5 task force shall evaluate the effectiveness of the program and  
6 make appropriate recommendations to the Secretary.

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.".